

1 was, but do we know the reasons the commission had for  
2 supporting this recommendation?

3 I think it will be of interest to this Committee  
4 to know what the reasons were the commission based its  
5 recommendations upon.

6 Governor Tawes, Governor Lane, and McKeldin  
7 appeared before the commission as witnesses, and were  
8 asked if the Attorney General should be elected or if the  
9 Attorney General should be appointed.

10 Governor Lane expressed no preference. Governor  
11 McKeldin, before the Commission, favored election, and  
12 Governor Tawes, although the record is not too clear, also  
13 favored election.

14 Now, based upon this testimony, and this  
15 testimony alone, and one casual comment from a 1953  
16 Soboloff-Stockbridge Report, the commission, without  
17 any other evidence, recommended that the Attorney General  
18 not be provided for in the Constitution.

19 I am sure that you will agree with me that I  
20 would not be indulging in understatement if I were to  
21 suggest that the evidentiary support for the commission